

Dear FCC Commissioners & others to whom this may concern:

While I am unable to receive any of the XM Traffic and Weather channels due to my current address, I feel that XM should be allowed to continue the broadcast of these channels. If the FCC mandates that XM must stop, then the FCC must also mandate the Dish Network, and DirectTV stop the broadcast of LIL stations as well since they are a "Nationwide Satellite Network" (TV) just as the NAB is classifying XM as a "Nationwide Satellite Service" (Radio) and saying because of this classification, they cannot provide local services and be a Nationwide network.

XM promotes competition between broadcasters, both satellite and terrestrial. If the NAB feels threatened by XM, then maybe the NAB and its members should work hard to improve the quality of their broadcasts.

I have in the past worked in Radio (AM & FM) for more than 8 years. I do not feel that any of the stations I worked at provided quality broadcasts to the listening audience. In fact, at one station which was my longest employment in radio, the owner REFUSED to cover local events in the town which the station was licensed. Because the owner was a politician in Kentucky, he only served the KY audience, and did nothing in Virginia (even though the station is licensed in Virginia).

My town (which the station is licensed) just had its annual festival and the station did not cover the event in ANY way. I thought that as part of a station being granted a license, it had to provide public service to the community in which it was licensed, such as covering these events. The station was a member of the NAB and VAB (Virginia Association of Broadcasters). I say that if local stations and other NAB members can't fulfill their commitment to the community mandated by FCC regulations, then why not allow XM to attempt to fulfill these commitments.

I plead with the FCC to allow XM to broadcast any content they wish, and hope that since we live in America, I can be free to choose what to listen to, and which broadcast to tune into to receive my local content. I don't want the FCC regulating when and what I can listen to? otherwise, America may become the next IRAQ where we are dictated what, when, where, and how.

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